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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5715

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POUCHED ALL CONSULATES GENERAL IN CANADA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELAB, CA

SUBJECT: PUBLIC SECTOR ROTATING STRIKES CONTINUE

REF: OTTAWA 571

1. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED BY PUBLIC SERVICE ALLIANCE OF CANADA (PSAC) PRESIDENT CLAUDE EDWARDS THAT LATEST MEDIATION EFFORT FAILED AT NOON TODAY (FEB 21). ROTATING STRIKES BY SELECTED UNITS OF PSAC AFFILIATED 18,600-MEMBER GENERAL LABOR AND TRADES GROUP, WHICH BEGAN FEB 17, WILL CONTINUE. MAIL SERVICE HAS BEEN DELAYED OR ALTOGETHER INTERRUPTED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF CANADA. SPORADIC WORK STOPPAGES BY AIRPORT RUNWAY MAINTENANCE WORKERS HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN HALTED, PARTLY DUE TO UNION ACCEPTANCE OF "ESSENTIAL SERVICES" STRIKE PROHIBITION AND ALSO BECAUSE SNOW-FREE RUNWAYS WOULD MAKE WORK STOPPAGE INEFFECTIVE.

2. ACCORDING TO EDWARDS, TREASURY BOARD NEGOTIATORS DURING LATEST MEDIATION EFFORTS UNWILLING TO CONSIDER ADDING COST-OF-LIVING CLAUSE TO TWO-YEAR CONTRACT PROPOSAL. ANOTHER MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK CONCERNS THE SKILLED TRADES

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CATEGORY WHICH WOULD HAVE RECEIVED ONLY 14 PERCENT

IN FIRST YEAR AND 9 PERCENT IN SECOND YEAR OF NEW
CONTRACT, WHICH PSAC FOUND TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE.
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